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### RENEWED PETITION TO REQEST RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE

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- 1. Statement That Delay Was Unintentional Signed by an acting representative under 37 C.R.F. § 1.34;
  - 2. Copy of Payment of Prior Paid Maintenance Fee. See Exhibit A.
  - 3. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b); and
  - 4. Declaration of Assignee that Delay Was Unintentional. See Exhibit

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Respectfully submitted,

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# EXHIBIT B

Dear Sir/Madam,

### Re: Explanation letter on Delay payment for the maintenance fee of Patent # 6494460 and # 6494458

Subsequent to the request for an explanation of the late submission of the above-mentioned, I would like to present the reasons for such delay as follows:

- Due to job relocation in March, 2009, to China where there is communication deficiencies, I was unable to receive mails during my stay.
- In June 2011, when travelled back to the States, I found out that the maintenance fee was overdue, hence, I took immediate action to settle the payment (checks # 173 US\$2,880 and #172 US\$2,880 dated 7/27/11) duly before I returned to China again in end of July 2011.
- In June 2012, when travelled back to report work-in-hand, I noticed a letter from the USPTO. dated Nov 21. 2011 & Nov.22,2011 informing that the petition had been dismissed and that an explanation be submitted within two months from the mail date, plus to pay a reconsideration fee of US\$400.
- Again, I missed this request due to the fact that I was still in China.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to thank for the advice of the concerned department to write this letter explaining my situation in the hope that the issue could be solved in a mutually agreed manner.

Thank you for the attention taken to handle this issue.

With kind regards,

Sarah Lee-Ling Uth Patent Right Holder